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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Overhead Imagery Reconnaissance of North Vietnam During a Truce

REFERENCE: Memorandum for CIA Member USIB from
[Redacted] CIA Member COMIREX,
(no date); Subject: Same (No Control Number)

1. The briefing note for the CIA member of USIB infers that COMIREX refuses to get into how this reconnaissance is to be accomplished and how many missions per week are anticipated to accomplish the requirement. The JCS plan as now written to accomplish this task is [Redacted] missions per week and I don't feel the change noted in paragraph four of the briefing note will significantly affect this number. Certainly USIB should recognize what level of activity of reconnaissance is necessary to accomplish a requirement particularly in a situation like this where even one or more missions may result in some degree of provocation. It seems to me USIB has two alternatives - either to recognize the number of missions per week necessary to accomplish the requirement or to recommend to DOD that these figures be provided the 303 Committee meeting on this subject.

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2. If, in your opinion, USIB is not interested in the number of missions and kinds of reconnaissance necessary to satisfy the requirement, then I would hope that the Board would recommend the 303 meet on the subject to recognize the approved requirements and approve the operational concept to satisfy the requirement.

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